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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A disposable body fluid absorbent wearing article having a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region,

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a body fluid absorbent pad including a liquid-absorbent core;

a casing covering at least a body facing side of said absorbent core and extending outwardly from a circumferential
10 edge of said core;

a means to retain said body fluid absorbent pad on a wearer's body;

said pad being formed in transversely opposite sides thereof in said crotch region with a pair of darts, by folding
15 parts of said casing, in a manner that said pair of darts are opposed to each other in a shape of circular arcs which are convex toward a center line bisecting a width of said pad;

said pad including a central core section lying between said pair of darts and lateral core sections lying outside the
20 respective darts so that said central and lateral core sections are contiguous to each other at least one of regions beyond forward and rearward said pair of darts in longitudinal direction of said pad;

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said core having outer peripheral edge thereof surrounded by end flaps and side flaps both being contiguous to casing sheet and extending outward beyond the outer peripheral edge of said core;

5 said side flaps extending outward beyond transversely opposite side edges of said core are folded back toward the inner surface of said pad and longitudinally opposite end regions of respective said side flaps are bonded to said inner surface so that pockets opening inwardly of said pad are formed between
10 respective said side flaps and respective said lateral core sections; and

 said side flaps folded back toward a body facing surface of said pad respectively have inner side edge regions provided in parallel to said center line with elastic members secured
15 under tension to said inner side edge regions.

2. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said casing comprises at least a liquid-permeable topsheet defining a body facing surface of said absorbent pad.

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3. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said casing comprises a liquid-permeable topsheet and a liquid-impermeable backsheet between which said core is disposed.

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4. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said central core section has a width gradually enlarged from the region in which said central and lateral core sections become contiguous to each other toward one of said front and rear end
5 of said core.

5. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein the inner side edge regions of said side flaps folded back lie in the vicinity of apices of the darts in a shape of circular arcs
10 toward said center line.

6. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said side flaps folded back are joined at positions in intermediate regions between said longitudinally opposite end regions to
15 inner surfaces of the regions lying outside respective said darts.

7. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein at least said front and rear regions of said absorbent pad is joined
20 integrally with said means.

8. The wearing article according to Claim 1, wherein said wearing article is of a pants-type formed of a laminated sheet

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composed of a liquid-impervious plastic film and a nonwoven fabric.